

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 709 - SB 922

February 28, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates the early voting period for a municipal election in a municipality having a population of 5,000 or less, if there is no opposition for any office in the election and the election is not held in conjunction with the August or November general election, unless the municipality files a request with the county election commission to allow an early voting period.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Expenditures - \$63,100/Permissive

Assumptions:

- Fifty-five cities in thirty counties will have the option to eliminate the early voting period for a municipal election.
- Every qualifying municipality would elect not to conduct early voting.
- Based on the cost for early voting in each of the 55 cities, the cost savings from not holding early voting will be \$63,106. This estimate is based on a survey that was conducted by the Coordinator of Elections' office which reflects stand-alone municipal elections in 2011 and 2012.
- The municipality is responsible for the cost of a stand-alone election.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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